

### **The Pilgrim Status of A Believer** (1 Peter 1:1-2)

**Proposition:** Every child of God can understand their role as pilgrims and strangers here on this earth by understanding the three pilgrim descriptions found in the opening verses of 1 Peter Ch 1.

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No song to me states better the Pilgrim Status of the child of God than the song entitled "I Can't Feel at home in this world". The first verse states: "This world is not my home I'm just a passing through, my treasures are laid up somewhere beyond the blue the angels beckon me from heaven's open door and I can't feel at home in this world anymore." As that song states we are not to feel at home any more, we may be in the world but we are not of the world. The pilgrim status of the believer seems to be very much the subject of 1 Peter. It seems as though he is setting forth a hand book or a manual for Pilgrim survival. These children of God are scattered through out the known world and are suffering difficulty and pain for the cause of Christ. This letter is to aid them on their Journey. If you are saved by the grace of God then you will live in a home town where everyone knows your name and

## I Scattered Pilgrims (1)

Peter may well be referring to Jews of the 70 AD dispersion, but it is applicable to every believer - Jew or Gentile bond or free. ch



instead of saying Pontius Calatid Cappadocia.

A. The Author to Pilgrims (1a) - The author identifies himself as Peter the apostle of Jesus Christ. This is a select distinguished position filled by only a handful. Qualifications: A witness to the resurrection of Jesus Christ and a specific ministry call by the Lord Jesus. I don't care what that man on T.V. he is not an apostle in the strictest sense of the term. Note in James + Jude Servant not apostle. It was not a little thrown about. The author of this letter is important. It is upon

B. The Address to Pilgrims - (1b)

The addressees are scattered throughout the world. The intent was for this letter to be read at the gatherings of disciples for the purpose to strengthen them. They were not of their present world, but as Abraham of old, looking for a city whose builder and maker was God. I heard this recently: I am a Pilgrim, I have no home here that I will not gladly leave. I have no property that I must manage I have...

II. Specific Pilgrims (2) - There are many many pilgrims in this world. People on many varied journeys. But Peter is referring

1) ...name and watched you grow up from a child into an adult, but you are still a pilgrim a stranger in a foreign land. Every child of God can understand their role as pilgrims and strangers here on this earth by understanding the three pilgrim descriptions found in the opening verses of 1 Peter Ch 1.

2) ...it could have said Georgia Tennessee Alabama and North Carolina.

3) ...upon Peter's confession in Matthew 16:16 which Jesus Christ will build His church. "Peter was an ambassador of Jesus Christ sent by Him with credentials in the form of miracles, and on a mission, that of proclaiming the good news of salvation.

4) *...I have no position that I must protect. I am a pilgrim. I have no salary which I must receive, and when I do the amount holds little charm for me. I am not dependent on earthly benefits. If I am never known, if I am never featured, if I am never loved, this is only to be expected, after all I am a pilgrim. I have no occupation other than a pilgrim. I have nothing about which to complain, no injustice to right, no bitterness to defile me, no rights to champion, no score to settle, I am a pilgrim. I have no possessions which I cannot cheerfully live without. I have no say in where I will minister tomorrow. Though my will declares that I have an estate, how ever small, to leave, truth be known I have nothing at all, only a stewardship to manage, a small portion of my master's kingdom for a very short while. I am a pilgrim. Let tsunamis roll, mudslides destroy, tornadoes rage and hurricanes threaten, let wars and rumors of wars cause every social order to totter, I fear not for I am a pilgrim. Am I criticized, misunderstood, misrepresented, misused, abused, attacked, imprisoned, persecuted, tortured even martyred perhaps, well of course cause you see I am a pilgrim. The pilgrim holds no stake in the world around him. Fellow pilgrim hold life loosely, save your knowledge and walk with the Lord Jesus Christ!*

- 1) **John 6:65** And he said, Therefore said I unto you, that no man can come unto me, except it were given unto him of my Father. **Acts 13:48** And when the Gentiles heard this, they were glad, and glorified the word of the Lord: and as many as were ordained to eternal life believed. **Romans 9:18-23** Therefore hath he mercy on whom he will have mercy, and whom he will he hardeneth. Thou wilt say then unto me, Why doth he yet find fault? For who hath resisted his will? Nay but, O man, who art thou that repliest against God? Shall the thing formed say to him that formed it, Why hast thou made me thus? Hath not the potter power over the clay, of the same lump to make one vessel unto honour, and another unto dishonour? What if God, willing to shew his wrath, and to make his power known, endured with much longsuffering the vessels of wrath fitted to destruction: And that he might make known the riches of his glory on the vessels of mercy, which he had afore prepared unto glory,...**Ephesians 1:4-5** According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will, **John 12:39-40** Therefore they could not believe, because that Esaias said again, He hath blinded their eyes, and hardened their heart; that they should not see with their eyes, nor understand with their heart, and be converted, and I should heal them. **Jude 1:4** For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation...
- 2) **Matthew 23:37** O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not! **John 1:12** But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: **John 3:16** For God so loved the... **Acts 17:30** And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent: **Acts 18:4** And he reasoned in the synagogue every sabbath, and persuaded the Jews and the Greeks. **Romans 10:13** For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. **2 Corinthians 5:20** Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God. **1 Timothy 2:3-6** For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; Who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time. **Hebrews 2:9** But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man.



to a specific Pilgrim

A. The Announcement of a Specific Election! No matter how the religious misuse and twist any Bible term, never be afraid of a Bible word, Elect!

Say it Elect! This is a Bible doctrine as true and sure as any other Bible doctrine. Elect - means to pick out, to select out of a number. What does it mean? Jn 6:65 Acts 13:48; Rom 9:18. But not the whole story! Matt 23:37 Jn 1:12 We will understand in heaven. Know this if it costs evangelism! God our Savior!

B. The Annulment of a Specific Election -

"According to" on the basis of "a transaction work of God. For knowledge play around w/ it all you want God looks ahead in time and chose. Spirit of God set apart, separates out Made us pilgrims made us different from those around us. Unto = because of the obedience unto death, of Jesus Christ. The atoning work of Jesus Christ, the substitution of Jesus for my sins. All three had a hand in making me a pilgrim. <sup>specific</sup>

III. Supplied Pilgrim (2b) - This is a greeting that says a lot in just a few words: Grace unto you, and Peace be multiplied



Pilgrims are not left to waste away but are <sup>kept</sup> ~~kept~~

#### A. Supplied with the Grace of God.

In every salutation in the epistles you will find that Grace will always come before Peace. You will never know peace with God until you know the grace of God. Eph 2:8-9

For by Grace... it is the undeserved, unmerited favor of God that gives us access to so great a salvation. God is the owner of salvation. He is the drawer of the souls of men.

Dr J.H. Jewell has said "Grace is

#### B. Supplied with the Peace of God.

Once a lost sinner comes in contact w/ the grace of God, then he can know the peace of God and peace w/ God.

Sinful man and holy God are at odds through out life. Enmity is between

But once an encounter w/ grace has occurred, the strife & Enmity w/ God ceases and Peace prevails. Rom 5:1 Therefore

And then the Pilgrim has the peace of the path ahead is owned and directed by the Father above. Peace be to thy

#### IV. Close - Are you a Pilgrim?

Thomas a' Kempis wrote - Keep yourself as a Pilgrim and a stranger here in this world, as one to whom, the world's

- 1) ...Grace is more than mercy. It is more that tender mercy. It is more than a multitude of mercies. Grace is more than love . It is more that innocent love. Grace is holy love in spontaneous movement going out in eager quest toward the unholy and unlovely.” And the pilgrim is given multiplied abundance of God's grace.
- 2) Romans 5:1 Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:
- 3) ...Peace be to thy habitation, peace to all that dwell therein, Peace the earnest of salvation, peace the fruit of pardoned sin, peace that speaks the heavenly Giver, peace to worldly minds unknown, peace divine that lasts for ever, peace that comes from God alone!
- 4) ...the worlds business counts but little. Keep your heart free, and always lift it up to God. Have you become a little too comfortable in this world?